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City Employees Make the Difference

Mayor Stephen J. Luecke has designated May 14 -18 as Employee Recognition Week for all City of South Bend employees. The theme is "You Make the Difference". This event is in conjunction with the National Public Service Recognition Week which is set aside to honor men and women who serve America as Federal, State and Local Government employees.

Throughout the week, acts of gratitude and appreciation will be expressed in all city departments. On Wednesday, May 6, 2007, there will be an Awards Ceremony from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at the Jon Hunt Plaza, with awards being presented in the categories of Leadership, Community Service, Team Accomplishment, and Distinguished Public Service Career. Management and peers were asked to nominate a person in their department who they believed exemplified outstanding public service. An added special entertainment is a Karaoke contest resembling the popular "American Idol" show, with employees being invited to display their talent for the fun of it.

"We are pleased to recognize the work that our city employees accomplish every day to help South Bend grow and to thrive as a 21st Century City," stated Mayor Luecke. "We appreciate and value their commitment to quality and to finding new and better ways to provide more efficient and effective delivery of service to our residents and visitors."

Many of the City's 1,200 plus employees work diligently without receiving any recognition for their hard work and this week of acknowledgement is a way of letting them know they are appreciated.